

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Michael L. Retzer, Treasurer Republican National Committee 310 First Street SE Washington, DC 20003

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Reference: Amended September Monthly Report (8/1/01-8/31/01), received 4/26/02

Dear Mr. Retzer:

On September 25, 2002, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your October 7, 2002 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report still discloses a payment(s) from a federal candidate committee(s) for goods and/or services provided by your committee. 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution". The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(ii)(B)

Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided to the federal candidate committee(s) and explain the steps your committee took in determining the